

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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United States Attorney Joe Stecher, the Fremont Police, and Mickey Leadingham, Omaha's Resident Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

## **Event Triggering this Release:**

Following his conviction for Possession of a Short Shotgun on December 30, 2008, Johnny P. Jones was sentenced by the Honorable Laurie Smith Camp, United States District Judge, to serve 51 months in prison, which will be followed by a 3 year term of Supervised Release, and to pay a \$100 Special Assessment.

On December 30, 2008, Fremont police responded to the Fremont Mall following a report of a trespasser at The Buckle. A woman was inside the store after she had been banned a few weeks earlier for shoplifting. She was arrested for trespassing and officers impounded her vehicle. Johnny Jones was in the passenger seat of her car when police initiated the impound. Upon opening the passenger car door a firearm was seen on the floor wedged between the door jam and the seat. It was a Remington 12 gauge shotgun with a 12 3/8 inch barrel and an overall length of 24 ½ inches. Jones was determined to be in possession of the firearm.

Name of Defendant: Johnny P. Jones

**AKA:** Johny Paul Jones, John Paul Jones

**Age:** 19

City of Residence: Fremont

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Possession of a Short Shotgun carries not more than 10 years in prison, not more than a \$250,000 fine, not more than 3 yrs term of Supervised Release, and a \$100 Special Assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Fremont Mall

**Location of Arrest**: Fremont Police Department 1

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: n/a

Others Charged in Same Scheme: n/a

## **Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime**: December 30, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: March 25, 2009

**Date Complaint Issued**: n/a

**Indictment Returned Date**: March 20, 2009

**Initial Appearance Date**: March 31, 2009

Plea Date(s): June 5, 2009

Sentencing Date: September 14, 2009

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date**: n/a

**Assigned Magistrate Judge**: Hon. Thomas Thalken

Held without Bond: July 10, 2009 until September 14, 2009

Released from Custody: February 9, 2009 (posted state bond) until March 25, 2009, and again

from March 31, 2009 until July 10, 2009

In Continuous Custody Since: July 10, 2009

Assigned District Court Judge: Hon. Joseph Bataillon

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